



General Assembly

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***RESOLUTION CONVENING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN SPECIAL
SESSION.***

Resolved by this Assembly:

1 WHEREAS, the Connecticut General Assembly is committed to
2 strengthening Connecticut's economy and restoring fiscal stability;

3 WHEREAS, the General Assembly has a history of working in a
4 bipartisan manner and with the Executive Branch to meet economic
5 challenges, such as our historic 2011 jobs special session and the
6 current helicopter and aerospace manufacturing assistance special
7 session;

8 WHEREAS, while bipartisan agreement on broad tax and spending
9 policy may be difficult, there are specific measures we can take now
10 that will send a clear message to our constituents, taxpayers and
11 businesses large and small that we are serious about structural change;

12 WHEREAS, Democratic leaders have expressed opposition to a state

13 mileage tax and rail fare increases;

14 WHEREAS, the Senate has previously supported, on a bipartisan
15 basis, common sense pension reforms;

16 WHEREAS, Democratic leaders have expressed support for
17 implementing a cap on state bonding;

18 WHEREAS, Democratic leaders have expressed support for creating
19 a Transportation Oversight Board;

20 WHEREAS, the Governor has previously supported requiring
21 legislative approval of state employee contracts;

22 WHEREAS, we must seize the opportunity now to continue to work
23 together on those areas of common interest and bipartisan support and
24 begin to restore Connecticut's fiscal health and economic
25 competitiveness.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Article III
27 of the amendments to the state Constitution, and Rule 33 of the Joint
28 Rules of this session, we, the members of this General Assembly, judge
29 it necessary that there be a special session of the General Assembly,
30 that said session be convened not earlier than 10:00 a.m. on September
31 29, 2016, and end on or before midnight October 15, 2016, and that the
32 call of the session be solely for the purposes of considering and
33 enacting one or more of the following:

34 (1) Bills prohibiting the state from participating in the mileage tax
35 pilot program and prohibiting the implementation of any state mileage
36 tax;

37 (2) Bills prohibiting the state from implementing rail and bus fare
38 increases without prior legislative approval;

39 (3) Bills implementing the pension reforms contained in Senate Bill
40 1301 of the 2011 regular session, which passed the Senate during that

41 session, including a prohibition on new longevity payments and the
42 elimination of longevity payments and overtime from pension
43 calculations;

44 (4) Bills creating a bipartisan State Bond Cap Commission and
45 requiring that the commission present recommendations for an annual
46 cap on state bond allocations and issuances not later than February 28,
47 2017, and requiring a vote on such recommendations in both chambers
48 during the 2017 regular session;

49 (5) Bills creating a Transportation Oversight Board to ensure broad-
50 based input and accountability for state-wide transportation planning
51 and funding; and

52 (6) Bills requiring legislative approval of all state employee
53 contracts.

54 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the clerks of the Senate and the
55 House of Representatives deliver a copy of this resolution to the
56 Secretary of the State forthwith.